

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:]
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Serial No. 10/573,779] Art Unit: 2833
Filed: March 29, 2005] Examiner: Gary F. Paumen
For: SOCKET DEVICE] Docket No. 1-17288

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

This paper is in response to the restriction requirement dated August 1, 2007.

The Examiner has indicated that this application is subject to an election of species. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Figures 1 a,b; 2; 3 a,b; 3c; 4a; 4b; 4c; 5; 6a; 6b; 6c; 7a; 7b; 7c; 7d; 7e; 7f; 7g; 7h; and 7i. The species are said to be independent or distinct because each discloses a different socket or cap.

The applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no

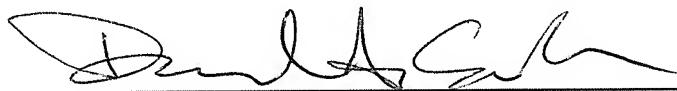
generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has concluded that, currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the species of Fig. 6a. It is submitted that at least claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 read upon the species of Fig. 6a.

Applicant has made the above election to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the sole purpose of prosecution on the merits. Applicant's election should not be construed in any way to limit the scope or spirit of any of the embodiments of the present invention disclosed in the application.

Further prosecution of the present application is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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